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ANNUAL REPORT

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the town April 1, 1891 :

Real Estate,	\$232,020 00
Number of horses, 148,	8,845 00
cows, 533,	12,260 00
oxen, 18,	600 00
neat stock, 29,	445 00
hogs, 6,	60 00
sheep, 11,	30 00
carriages, 7,	350 00
Money at interest,	19,100 00
Stock in public funds,	5,000 00
Stock in trade,	3,350 00
Number of polls, 137.	13,700 00
Mills,	600 00
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Total valuation.	\$296,360 00

On which valuation the Selectmen have assessed the following amounts :

State tax,	\$690 00
County tax,	666 89
School tax,	451 50
Extra School tax,	350 00
Town tax,	500 00
Highway tax,	900 00
Percentage,	145 62
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	\$3,704 01

The Selectmen have received and paid into the treasurer, the following sums :

State railroad tax,	\$92 60
State savings bank tax,	228 41
State literary fund,	62 50
Received from County for pauper account,	52 54
Received for cemetery lot,	2 00
Received for sale of hearse house,	10 00
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	\$448 05

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer, as follows :

School board,	\$582 79
Trustees of Academy,	350 00
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	\$932 79

SNOW BILLS.

John Pettengill,	\$1 00	
Charles H. Kelley,	spring of 1891.	1 50
Herbert N. Sawyer,	" "	4 95
Alonzo J. Hall,	" "	1 80
Stephen C. P. Trefrey,	" "	6 20
Daniel W. Goodnow,	" "	22 46
John K. Mason,	" "	6 50
Moses B. Stevens,	" "	37 65
George A. Page,	" "	10 29
George E. Wright,	" "	9 60
Nathan H. Russell,		6 05
Daniel W. Goodnow,		13 60
Hiram A. Batchelder,		15 60
M. B. Stevens,		13 50
Cyrus F. Noyes,		4 00
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		\$154 70

EXPENSE OF REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Charles H. Kelley,	\$3 28	
Alonzo J. Hall,	3 50	
John Little,	6 00	
Moses B. Stevens,	248 49	
Cyrus F. Noyes,	235 10	
Daniel W. Goodnow,	257 40	
Hiram A. Batchelder,	226 03	
Hiram A. Batchelder, running road machine,	11 50	
Theodore P. Trefrey,	4 50	
G. E. Wright, District No. 1, 1890,	44 19	
G. E. Wright, District No. 5, 1890,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,052 99

EXPENSE OF HEARSE HOUSE.

S. B. Mason, labor and materials,	\$48 79	
J. K. Mason, labor, bricks and mortar,	10 50	
D. D. Chase & Co., lumber,	93 75	
M. B. Stevens, grading around hearse house,	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$157 29

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Paid J. C. Hardy, coal for John Koller,	\$5 75	
Dr. W. O. Dunham, service and medicine,	12 85	
Jerry Kelleher, coal for John Koller,	6 37	
G. W. Dow, supplies for John Koller,	20 29	
Henry Noyes, meat for John Koller,	7 28	
Transient poor,	1 00	
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MISCELLANEOUS.

John B. Corliss, printing reports,	\$16 00
A. J. Hall, watering trough,	3 00
J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	2 75

Huldah K. Heath, gravel,	\$5 00
Daniel W. Goodnow, repairs on road machine,	3 00
C. H. Fellows, irons for road machine and tiles,	21 35
E. E. Peaslee, use of Plaistow road machine,	6 00
Edward F. Noyes, damage to plow,	3 00
G. A. Page, cash paid for stationery,	2 00
G. A. Page, wood for school house,	8 51
Wyman B. Knight, ringing bell and repairs,	36 00
John Little, watering trough,	3 00
John Little, watering trough, 1890,	1 50
Jayson Given, watering trough,	3 00
J. K. Mason, labor on well at cemetery,	4 00
Alonzo J. Hall, watering trough, 1890,	3 00
A. O. Fuller, counsel fees,	2 00
G. E. Wright, damage to sheep by dogs,	4 00
G. A. Page, time and expense to Exeter,	2 50
S. B. Mason, express and postage,	1 50
Trustees of Academy, use of hall,	30 00
Gilman B. Hoyt, recording deeds,	1 40
O. L. Whittaker, repairs on school house,	1 00
Lois A. Noyes, housing road machine,	5 00
Gilman Greenough, school books and supplies,	104 97
Wood for school houses, Districts 1, 2 and 3,	10 32

\$283 80

BRIDGES.

J. K. Mason, labor on bridge near J. M.	
Nesmith,	\$4 00
M. F. Hill, irons for bridge near W. C. Noyes,	2 50
E. E. Peaslee, chestnut posts for bridge near	
W. C. Noyes,	3 00
Cyrus F. Noyes, for railing the bridge near	
W. C. Noyes,	3 50

\$13 00

EXPENSE OF ROAD AND WALL NEAR SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

John K. Mason, labor building wall,	\$12 00	
E. N. Greenough, labor building wall,	12 50	
E. N. Greenough, labor building road,	13 50	
George A. Page, labor drawing stone,	5 00	
Wyman B. Knight, labor on road and wall,	9 75	
G. E. Wright, labor on road,	55 00	
John Little, labor on wall,	8 75	
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

A. M. Hunt, 1889,	\$2 26	
Frank W. Gilman, 1890,	90	
Charles Titcomb, dog tax, 1890,	1 00	
A. H. Emerson, over tax,	62	
	<hr/>	\$4 78

TOWN OFFICERS.

School Board,	\$30 00	
Samuel B. Mason, town and district clerk,	13 00	
Gilman Greenough, treasurer,	14 00	
Samuel Little, collector,	74 08	
John K. Mason, selectman,	20 00	
George A. Page, selectman,	31 50	
E. N. Greenough, selectman, estate of,	20 00	
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RECAPITULATIONS.

Amount in collector's warrant,	\$3704 01	
Received from other sources,	448 05	
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Paid on account of schools,	\$932 79
“ “ snow bills,	154 70
“ “ highways,	1052 99
“ “ abatement of taxes,	4 78
“ “ hearse house.	157 29
“ “ paupers,	53 54
“ “ miscellaneous,	283 80
“ “ bridges,	13 00
“ “ road and wall near monument,	116 50
“ “ town officers,	202 58
“ “ State tax,	690 00
“ “ county tax,	666 89
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	\$4328 86
Balance against the town,	\$176 80

GEORGE A. PAGE,

JOHN K. MASON,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The collector charges himself with amount in warrant,	\$3704 01
And credits himself—	
By receipts of treasurer,	3509 01
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Balance uncollected,	\$195 00

SAMUEL N. LITTLE,
Collector.

TRFASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer charges himself with—

Cash on hand March 1, 1891,	\$288 23
Received from State, railroad tax,	92 60
literary fund,	62 50
savings bank tax,	228 41
county of Rockingham,	52 54
town clerk for dog licenses,	89 38
sale of cemetery lot,	2 00
sale of hearse house,	10 00
taxes of 1890,	16 56
taxes of 1891,	3509 01
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	\$4351 23

He credits himself as follows—

By paying State tax,	\$690 00
county tax,	666 69
selectmen's orders,	471 97
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	\$4328 66
Cash in hands of treasurer,	<hr/>
	\$22 57

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due from taxes of 1891,	\$195 00
Cash in treasury,	22 57
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Balance in favor of town,	\$217 57

GILMAN GREENOUGH,

Treasurer.

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

TABLE A.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child, (if any.)	SEX AND CONDITION.					Name of Father.
			Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	
May 26, 1891....	Atkinson, N. H....	Leon P. Tontin.....	Male	.....	Living	Second	White	Perley E. Pontin,.....
Sept. 28, 1891....	" "	Not named.....	Male.	.....	"	Second	"	George M. Wason.....
Oct. 3, 1891.....	" "	Hazel M. Little.....	Female..	.....	"	Third	"	Samuel N. Little.....
Nov. 9, 1891....	" "	Berbert Newton Rice..	Male.	.....	"	First	"	Thornton B. Rice.....
Dec. 14, 1891....	" "	Jeanne.....	.....	Female..	"		"	George Mings.....

Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Mary McKenle.....	White.....	Atkinson.....	Shoemaker.....	Canada.....	Halifax.....
Angie G. Emmertson....	".....	".....	Milk Dealer.....	Atkinson.....	Haverhill, Mass.....
Mary G. Carleton.....	".....	".....	Farmer.....	Atkinson.....	Halstow.....
Gertrude L. Arve.....	".....	New York.....	Teacher.....	Chester, Vt.....	Canada.....
Jemima Grant.....	".....	Atkinson.....	Farmer.....	Perthshire, Scotland....	Fairshire, Scotland....

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

TABLE B.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color of each.		Occupation of Groom and Bride.
May 25, 1891.....	Derry.....	George A. Page..... Nellie J. Morse.....	Atkinson..... Derry.....	22 28	White .. " ..		Farmer..... Teacher.....

Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition:		Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
				Whether single or widowed.	What marriage — whether 1st, 2d, etc.	
Atkinson.....	Thomas L. Page.....	Atkinson.....	Farmer.....			
Derry.....	Lydia Little..... Joshua Morse..... Barnab Alexander.....	Atkinson..... Derry..... Derry.....		First..... First.....		Raymond C. Drisko, Clergyman, Derry,

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

TABLE C.

Name.	Date of Death.	Sex.	Color.	Married Single or Widowed.	Age.			Occupation.	Place of Birth.
					Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Annie Robinson.....	Feb. 28, 1891.....	Female	White	M	46	11	26		Scotland
Edward Greenough.....	Dec. 8, 1891.....	Male...	"	S	67	1	22	Farmer.....	Atkinson

Disease or Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Occupation of Father.
Alexander Ross.....	Jennett Cook.....		Atkinson...	Hampstead.....	Farmer.....
Moses Greenough.....	Mary D. Noyes.....				

ANNUAL REPORT

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SCHOOL BOARD.

As required by law, the following report is respectfully submitted for the year ending March 1, 1892 :

SCHOOLS Nos. 1 AND 3.

For five consecutive years these schools have been united, and for the past four years have been in charge of the same teacher—Miss Mary L. Thomas of this town. The spring term of eleven weeks in length, beginning April 20 and ending July 3, was kept, as heretofore, in the schoolhouse at the Center, and the fall term of eleven and three-fifths weeks in length, beginning Sept. 7 and ending Nov. 25, at schoolhouse on the East road. Whole number of scholars attending spring term, eighteen ; fall term, nineteen. Susie E. Rear-don, Grace M. Given, Maud E. Batchelder and Nellie A. Foster are recorded as not being absent or tardy during either term ; and Bessie A. Foster and Chester E. Crowell during the spring term, and Florence B. Given and Lena F. Calef during the fall term.

SCHOOL No. 2.

The spring session of this school began April 20 and closed July 3, making a term of eleven weeks in length. Whole number of scholars, nine. The fall term was eleven and three-fifths weeks in length, beginning Sept. 8 and ending Nov. 25, and was attended by fourteen pupils. Both spring and fall terms were taught by Miss

Lucinda J. Noyes of this town, who has now had charge of the school for two successive years. Iva Whittaker is reported as not being absent during the spring term, and Flora H. Smith and Gyles W. Merrill during the fall term. Henry T. Batchelder and Arthur H. Batchelder were not absent during either term.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Both spring and fall terms of this school were under the instruction of Miss Carrie F. Adams, of Haverhill, Mass. The spring term was ten weeks in length, beginning April 27 and ending July 3. The fall term was nearly twelve weeks in length, beginning August 21 and closing Nov. 20. Whole number of pupils: spring term, nine; fall term, nine. This was Miss Adams' first attempt at teaching. We find on the roll of perfect attendance the name of Bertha Hoitt for the spring term, and that of Emma C. King for the fall term; for both terms, Ralph Freeman, Lizzie Hoitt and Nellie Hoitt.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

A single term only of this school was held during the past year. It began Sept. 23 and closed Nov. 25, being nine and three-fifths weeks in length. It was taught by Miss Mary L. Noyes of this town, and was her first experience as a teacher. Whole number of scholars, eight. Two, Albert D. Damon and Howard D. Damon, were not absent or tardy during the term.

WINTER SCHOOL.

The marked favor with which the winter school of one year ago was regarded by our citizens seemed to warrant the continuance of the same, and accordingly a term of school of eleven weeks in length has been kept during the present winter at the schoolhouse at the Center. As before, it was taught by Miss Mary L. Thomas, and

was not only attended by the pupils residing in the immediate vicinity of the school, but by quite a number from the outlying districts also, and who showed their interest in the school by the regularity of their attendance and their efforts for improvement and advancement in their several studies. Parents and friends also manifested their interest in many ways, more particularly by their frequent visits to the school and their presence at the closing examination, which was attended by the largest number of visitors that we ever met upon such an occasion. Whole number of scholars, twenty-one; average attendance, eighteen. Grace M. Given, Maud E. Batchelder, Bechtel Scott, Henry T. Batchelder and Arthur H. Batchelder were present at every session of the school.

By the foregoing it will be seen that with some unimportant exceptions our schools have been carried on substantially as in previous years—those of our scholars who are of a suitable age and who have the requisite acquirements being allowed to attend the Academy, in accordance with the vote of the town at its last annual meeting, and the remainder at such of our town schools as they could most conveniently attend. And while our schools have been in a general way successful, still in some respects there is room for improvement, not only in the methods of teaching, but in many other particulars. Some teachers have failed a little in regard to order. And while we would not have too much effort in this one direction, as our town schools are now almost wholly composed of the smaller pupils, who ought not, perhaps, to be kept in the same position for a great length of time. Yet a certain degree of order in the school room is very essential to the welfare of a school, and requisite to its success. The school room itself can certainly be kept clean and neat and its furniture arranged in an orderly manner. And the pupils, especially the younger ones, can, by frequent admonitions on the part of the teacher, be led to form habits of order and regularity that will, perhaps, follow them throughout life, and become of inestimable advantage to them in after years.

We are pleased to report an increased interest on the part of our citizens in our schools, and which is indicated by the record of visits made during the past year, the number of which has increased from 205 to 240, a gain of nearly 17 per cent. And this is as it should be. There is no reason why our tax payers, who have been very liberal in voting their money for school purposes, should not have interest enough to see for themselves whether it is spent economically and properly, or not, as well as money raised for the repair of our highways or any other tax.

The following scholars deserve especial mention for not being absent a single half-day during thirty-four weeks of school: Grace M. Given, Maud E. Batchelder, Henry T. Batchelder and Arthur H. Batchelder.

GILMAN GREENOUGH,
STILLMAN H. GROVER,
HERBERT N. SAWYER,

School Board.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. OF SCHOOL.	1 AND 3		2		4		5	Winter School.
	Spring.	Fall.	Spring.	Fall.	Spring.	Fall.	Fall.	
Length of School in weeks,	11	11 3-5	11	11 3-5	10	12	9 3-5	11
Whole No. of Scholars,	18	19	9	14	9	9	8	21
No. of Scholars in Reading,	18	18	9	14	9	9	8	21
“ “ Spelling,	14	15	9	14	7	7	8	18
“ “ Penmanship,	14	17	9	14	9	9	8	19
“ “ Arithmetic,	14	16	8	9	9	9	7	18
“ “ Geography	8	13	4	4	7	7	3	9
“ “ Grammar,	7	11	4	4	7	7	1	6
“ “ Composition,			4	4				
“ “ Physiology,	6	6						4

Number of visits by School Board, - - - 16

Number of visits by Citizens, - - - 240





